

Remarks/Arguments

In the Office Action mailed November 27, 2003, claims 1-106 were rejected. In response to that Office Action, Amendment D was submitted on March 14, 2004 addressing the outstanding issues regarding surrender of the original patent, defective oath/declaration and objections to the claims as submitted in Amendment C under 37 C.F.R. §1.173. At that point Applicants believed that each and every issue had been addressed and that the application was in condition for allowance.

In a telephone conference with the Examiner on June 5, 2007, Examiner Fleming requested that the amended claims presented in Amendments C and D be represented as provided herein.

In the present amendment, independent claims 1, 36, 52 and 88 have been presented to indicate any matter added (via underlining) and/or omitted (by brackets) from the claims

The amendment to claims 1 and 36 again reflect changes in wording from claims 1 and 36 in U.S. Pat. No. 5,863,064. All new material has been underlined and omitted language is shown in brackets.

There are no changes to original dependent claims 2-35 and 37-51.

In addition, independent claim 52 is presented herein with underlining to show additional language and brackets to indicate any deleted language.

Dependent claims 53-87 are all underlined as they represent newly added claims in this reissue.

Independent claim 88 is presented herein with underlining to show additional language and brackets to indicate any deleted language.

Dependent claims 89-106 are all underlined as they represent newly added claims in this reissue.

It is therefore respectfully submitted that the amendments to the claims fully comply with 37 CFR 1.173.

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Accordingly, given the remarks presented in Amendment D and the amended claims as presented herein by request, it is believed that the objections raised in the Office Actions of November 19, 2002 and November 28, 2003 have been overcome and the application should proceed to reissue.

In consideration of all of the above, it is believed that all claims pending in the application are in condition for allowance.

In the event there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge them (or credit any overpayment) to our Deposit Account No. 50-2121.

In the event the Examiner deems personal contact is necessary, please contact the undersigned attorney at (603) 668-6560.

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